

PLD
group consisting of Al, Mg, Sr, La, Ce, V, and Ti, and $0 \leq x < 0.99$, $0.01 \leq y$, and $1.00 \leq a \leq 1.1$,
wherein the metal oxide coated on the surface of the compound is an oxide of a metal
selected from the group consisting of Mg, Ti, Al, V, Co, K, Ca, Na, and B.

Please cancel Claim 2 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter
contained therein.